

Remarks

In response to the Office Action imposing a restriction requirement among claims in Group I (claims 1-8), Group II (claims 9-12) and Group III (claim 13), Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-8). As discussed below, this election is done solely to ensure compliance with the restriction requirement.

Since claims 1-8 and claims 9-12 belong to the same class 382, there should not be undue burden for searching and examining these claims in the same patent application.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn with respect to at least Group I and Group II.

If the Examiner believes that there are unresolved issues relating to this response, please call the Applicants' representative listed below to expedite the resolution of any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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